GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF CRUDE OIL BY OIL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after dismantling of APM from April, 2002 the public sector oil companies will be forced to import their own crude and under such a free market dispension BPCL, HPCL and IOCL will no longer be bound to the Shipping Corporation of India for carrying their cargo; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): Import of crude oil has been made free with effect from 1st April, 2001. In partial modification in the extant policy, Government have decided in May, 2001 to allow public sector oil companies to exercise the option to import their crude oil requirement themselves under the actual user licensing policy or through IOCL. Accordingly, individual public sector oil companies, are to make their own arrangements for sourcing of crude oil. As per present policy, import contracts for crude oil are finalised on FOB/FAS basis and shipping arrangements through the chartering wing of Ministry of Shipping.